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RODEHEAVER IS HERE TO LEAD THE TABERNACLE CHOIR

New Leader of Singing at Sunday Meeting Appears in Song, Plays Trombone and Sings Solo at Afternoon Meeting.

GOOD WORD FOR THE NURSES

Evangelist Scores Those Afflicted with Laziness in Religious Work.

HAS A COLLECTION OF DON'TS

TODAY'S SUNDAY PROGRAM.

10 a. m. "Billy" will address the letter carriers' convention at the Auditorium. This date is subject to cancellation, dependent on how the evangelist feels.

11 a. m. Various meetings in stores, shops and factories throughout the city.

2 p. m. "Billy" Sunday at the tabernacle. Subject, "The Revival at Pentecost."

3 p. m. Miss Grace Saxe's first Bible study class on the rostrum of the tabernacle.

7:30 p. m. "Billy" Sunday at the tabernacle. Subject, "The Home." Special delegation from the letter carriers' convention will be present. Special collection.

Homer Rodeheaver, "Billy" Sunday's choir leader, made his first appearance at the tabernacle yesterday afternoon. Most of the members of the audience didn't know, apparently, who he was, as he led in several songs, played a solo on his slide trombone and sang a solo.

"Brighten the Corner Where You Are," which proves the greatest song favorite at all meetings, was sung for the first time, with "Rody" leading. "Rody" also said a good word for the visiting nurses. He wore one of the red tags and advised everybody to help the cause.

Rev. E. H. Jenks made the opening prayer, and Sunday preached on the "Pharisee and the Publican," and held up to contempt and scorn the self-righteous, self-sufficient Pharisee. He drew himself up and, with a look of self-satisfaction on his face, made the repeated Pharisee's prayer.

"I fast twice a week," he mimicked. "Why, the Pharisee was better than the Lord wanted him to be. The Lord commanded the Jews to fast once a year. The Pharisee fasted 194 times a year. God owed him for 193 fasts."

And "Billy" bubbled with mirth, while the audience applauded.

Sit in Church and Pan.
"Away with the deplorable idea that a sermon is meant by books and education and culture and bank accounts," he shouted with sudden earnestness. "You're lost, and you'll go to hell if you don't gain salvation through faith in Jesus Christ."

The sarcastic shafts fell thick and fast on lay church members. He sat on the chair in imitation of the "chubbery crowd."

"Lots of people go to church," he cried, "and sit there and fan themselves, and mumble, 'Ain't it hot' and that's all the sacrifice they make for God's cause. If there's anything I can't stand it's laziness in religion."

Then Sunday hurled a number of sarcastic don'ts for church members.

"Don't come early to church," he cried. "Come in just as the preacher is beginning to preach. It will show your modesty. Don't sing. No, no; don't do that. That's what the choir is for."

"Don't sit in the front seats. Say, I used to 'fire' a railroad engine, and we used to put the loaded cars up in front and the empties behind. It pulled easier."

Some More Don'ts.
"Don't encourage your pastor. Tell him his faults. Maybe he'll try to mend them. Don't speak to anyone about Jesus. That's what the preacher's paid for. Keep his salary behind as much as possible. He can work here and the Lord will board him and send the ravens to feed him. Don't tell him when you're sick. Then when you get well you can abuse him for not coming to see you when you were on the edge of the grave, mumbled the last words in most ludicrous manner."

"If everything is going harmoniously, try to stir up a row. That's it. Oh, I (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)"

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday: Fog Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity. Partly cloudy.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	59
6 a. m.	59
7 a. m.	59
8 a. m.	59
9 a. m.	59
10 a. m.	59
11 a. m.	59
12 m.	59
1 p. m.	59
2 p. m.	59
3 p. m.	59
4 p. m.	59
5 p. m.	59
6 p. m.	59
7 p. m.	59
8 p. m.	59
9 p. m.	59
10 p. m.	59
11 p. m.	59
12 m.	59

Comparative Local Weather:

City	1915	1914	1913	1912
Highest yesterday	59	59	59	59
Lowest yesterday	59	59	59	59
Mean temperature	59	59	59	59
Precipitation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal temperature	59	59	59	59
Excess for the day	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total deficiency since March 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Normal precipitation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess for the day	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total rainfall since March 1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911-1914	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. High-Low of Weather.

"BILLY'S" GLORY HALLELUJAH ATTITUDE—Snap shot of the evangelist as he drives home one of his illustrations of the beauties of the life he wants all to lead.



SUNDAY BOOSTS FOR MAYOR JIM

Says He is Straight as a Die and Always Keeps His Word—Is Strong for His Family.

REGULAR CHORISTER IS HERE

Just what Billy Sunday thinks of Mayor "Jim," about the Omaha newspapers and about his own "family" was revealed happily in an impromptu interview at the Loyal hotel.

All the Sunday party had been out conducting prayer meetings. "Ma" had been in Council Bluffs, George and Mathews had been in Florence, and so on. The latter two had just returned in time to see Billy being regaled by the visiting nurses in front of the hotel and they went up to Mathews' room with the newspaper men.

Mathews brought in Homer Rodeheaver, choir leader, who had just arrived in the city. "Rody" is a stocky, dark, cheery chap, with a deep, drawly voice. The reporters had just started to talk with him when Billy came in, wearing a Palm Beach suit.

"Wonder where 'ma' is so long," he said as he sat down in a rocking chair. Someone mentioned Mayor Dahman, who was at the previous night's tabernacle meeting. Billy, in his impetuous way, immediately exclaimed:

"He's a fine fellow. Been mayor for ten years. Straight as a die. Always keeps his word. Ain't got a crooked hair in his head. Used to be a cowboy."

And Billy was very earnest in every thing he said about the mayor.

There came a woman's voice at the open door.

"Is there anyone in here that belongs to me?"

It was "ma," and Billy's eye lighted with an unmistakable light as they rested on her. She put her hands on his shoulders and gave him a little shake.

"I thought you'd gotten lost," he said (Continued on Page Five, Column Three.)

U-SHIPHEAD SAYS ARABIC ATTACKED IN SELF-DEFENSE

Submarine Commander Says He Fired Torpedo Because of Fear Liner Planned to Ram Craft.

VESSEL CHANGING ITS COURSE

Underwater Boat Engaged in Attacking Freighter When Passenger Appeared.

UPON SURFACE AT THE TIME

BULLETIN.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, received a wireless dispatch from Berlin late today from the German foreign office, in which the statement is made that it appears probable that the Hesperian was torpedoed and that it was much more likely the boat ran into a mine.

BERLIN, Sept. 8.—(Via London.)—The commander of a German submarine, which has returned to its base, has reported to the admiralty that he torpedoed the liner Arabic in the belief that the Arabic's action indicated that it was about to attack the submarine and that it fired in self-defense.

According to the submarine commander's report the submarine was engaged in destroying a freighter, when the Arabic was sighted. The submarine was then on the surface.

The Arabic, the commander declares, swung around and headed towards the freighter as if to attack the submarine. The commander of the undersea craft remained in doubt as to the intentions of the Arabic when the latter changed its course a few points, but still kept headed in a direction that was bringing it nearer to the scene.

Again Changes Course.

The captain of the submarine reports that he continued to observe the actions of the liner until he saw the Arabic again change its course and head directly for the spot where the submarine lay as if the Arabic had sighted the undersea boat. Then the commander of the submarine, believing his craft was in danger, submerged it and fired a torpedo.

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SALE OF TAGS ADDS THOUSANDS TO THE TREASURY OF NURSES

The sale of tags Wednesday brought into the treasury of the Visiting Nurse association \$382.21, or about \$50 more than was realized at the sale last year. The counting of the money was completed at the United States National bank shortly after 6 o'clock last night and then placed on deposit.

While most of those who sold tags were maids and matrons, a few boys got into the game. Of these, John Davis was the youngest, hardly 6 years of age, but during the day he gathered in \$2.50. When he marched up to the bank last night, carrying his coin in a sack and deposited it on the table, he took a look at the piles of silver coins and bills and then gave expression to this remark:

"If I had that much money I would start a bank."

The officers and members of the Visiting Nurse association desire to express their thanks to the women who sold tags and also to all who contributed to the fund.

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STOP OFF IN OMAHA THE GATE-CITY-OF-THE-WEST

Here are the dates for our coming Ak-Sar-Ben events:

Sept. 29, Carnival begins
Oct. 5, Floral Parade
Oct. 6, Electrical Parade
Oct. 8, Coronation Ball
Oct. 9, Carnival Ends

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL LETTER CARRIERS.

Gain of Indiana Is Selected as President and Tharp of New York Vice President.

REILLY TALKS BACK TO ROPER

President—E. J. Gainer, Indiana. Vice President—Al Tharp, New York. Secretary—J. J. Canfield, New York. Treasurer—Charles Duffy, Illinois.

At the convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers yesterday the election was held. The selection came after numerous caucuses and after a spirited campaign that had been waged ever since the arrival of the carriers in the city last Sunday morning. The names of the officers appear at the head of this column.

Tom L. Reilly, ex-congressman of Connecticut, and the idol of the letter carriers as well as of all civil service employes because he has fought their battles in congress for years, addressed the convention in the afternoon.

Speaks About Roper. Reilly had his side-line steam and energy with him in the cause of the carriers, and at a distance he told First Assistant Postmaster General Roper what he thought of him.

More Prayer, More Decency and More Clean Living Sunday's Plea

Billy Sunday's sermon at the tabernacle last evening was entitled "Jacob Limped." It was a plea for more prayer, more decency, more clean living. It was as follows:

"How many people pray in downright sincerity? They seem to dress up for the occasion. How many people pray for humility when it is pride they want? Many a man gets down on his knees and says, 'Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.' That is not so; they don't want God's kingdom to come. It is not so with half the people that pray. I say to you when you pray in the church pew and say that, it don't count a snap of my finger if you don't live it. You pray, 'Thy kingdom come,' and then go out and do something to prevent that kingdom from coming. No man can get down and pray 'Thy kingdom come,' and have a beer wagon back up to his door and put beer in the ice box. No man can get down on his knees and pray 'Thy kingdom come' and look at God through the bottom of a beer glass. No man can pray 'Thy kingdom come' and go to a card party Wednesday evening instead of prayer meeting. No man can pray 'Thy kingdom come' and keep a woman on the side. God won't stand for it. If you want God's will done you would do God's will, even if it took every drop of blood in your body to do it. Preachers, stand up and tell how some of your people pray. God has more respect for an out-and-out infidel than for a four-fusher."

"Too many men today say their prayers in a way that reminds me of the tricks that the boys used to play on Halloween. They would run up and ring a door bell, or tie a ticktack to the window and then get over in the next yard and pull the string. And when some woman would come to the door and say, 'What is it?' they would run away. People pray, and if God answered their prayers they would say, 'Why, Lord, are you there? I didn't expect you.' Some people pray as if they never expected anything, and they never get anything; they are never disappointed. How would you feel if your best friends treated you as you treat God?"

About Conversations. "Some people pray as though they expected nothing; therefore, they are never disappointed. A man came to me and said: 'Won't you pray for the conversion (Continued on Page Three, Column Two.)'"

TIRPITZ ORDERED ATTACK ON LINER

Rumor Says that Sinking of Hesperian Was to Get Show-Down on Dispute with Chancellor.

ADMIRAL IS TAKING A VACATION

LONDON, Sept. 8.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Rotterdam says:

"It is freely rumored in Berlin that the sinking of the Allan line steamer Hesperian was deliberately designed by the party of Admiral von Tirpitz, the German minister of marine, to bring to a climax the differences between von Tirpitz and Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, over the late note to President Wilson concerning the use of submarine boats against liners."

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Roads to Lincoln In Good Condition For Automobiles

According to information given out by the Automobile club offices last night, the roads from Omaha to Lincoln are in good condition, and owners of machines are given to understand that they should have no hesitancy about starting out this morning to visit the state fair.

At the Automobile club offices last night, telephone messages were received from all along the line between here and Lincoln. These messages stated that the roads just enough yesterday to pack the soil in the roads and that afterward, nearly every mile of the road between here and Lincoln had been dragged.

If the weather is pleasant this morning it is estimated that not less than 300 Omaha automobile owners will take out their machines and go to the fair.

Another Grandson In Bryan Family

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—A son was born here yesterday to Richard Brown Harveys and Mrs. Harveys, who is the second daughter of the former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan and Mrs. Bryan. The Harveys live at 1118 Girard street and Mrs. Bryan has been stopping there with her daughter.

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NICHOLAS TAKES COMMAND OF HIS ARMY AND NAVY

Czar Assumes Personal Direction of Conduct of the War and Sends Grand Duke to the Caucasus.

FLOOD HELPS THE RUSSIANS

Swollen Streams Make Impassable Barriers for Germans at Several Parts of War Zone.

BIG MOVE IN WEST EXPECTED

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Emperor Nicholas is now in supreme command of the Russian military and naval forces in the fighting zones, and Grand Duke Nicholas, who as commander-in-chief of the Russian army, was one of the most conspicuous figures of the European war, has been transferred to the Caucasus. London is speculating as to what section of the long eastern front will be selected by the emperor for his headquarters.

At the present moment Courland appears to be the critical sector of the line. General Ruzsky is in command there and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg apparently is not making any great progress against him.

The central sector has been held by Grand Duke Nicholas and efforts of the Germans to drive a wedge through the swamps are proceeding very slowly. The Galician wing, in command of General Ivanoff, is making a stubborn stand against the Austrians and Germans who are engaged in a tremendous effort to drive the last Russian from Austrian soil.

Floods Help Russians.

Weather conditions, which in past wars have proved an efficient ally of the Russians, are again intervening on their side. A dispatch published in a Copenhagen newspaper says the rivers have been swollen by autumn floods to such an extent that they promise to form an impassable barrier to a further advance of the invaders. This dispatch represents the immediate objective of the Austro-German campaign to be the seizure of the entire railroad system from Riga to Lemberg, thus ensuring control of lines of communication for a further penetration of White Russia.

Activity on Western Front.

On the other fronts events point to a concerted movement by the allies. The French commander-in-chief, General Joffre, has returned from a visit to his Italian colleague, General Cadorna. British warships and the guns along the Belgian coast have joined the chorus of artillery fire along the western front. All this gives support to the growing belief in London that an offensive movement of some nature will soon mark operations of the allies in the west.

The eastern counties of England were again visited by raiding Zeppelins last night. The dirigibles caused some fires and a number of casualties, concerning the extent of which there has as yet been no official announcement.

Grand Duke Sent to Caucasus.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 8.—(Via London.)—Grand Duke Nicholas has been transferred to the Caucasus by Emperor Nicholas. The emperor took this action on assuming command of the military and naval forces of Russia.

In transferring the grand duke he appointed him viceroy of the Caucasus and commander-in-chief of the army in the southern front.

The text of the czar's order announcing his assumption of command issued and signed by the emperor, is quoted as follows:

"Today I have taken supreme command of all my forces of the sea and the land armies operating in the theater of war."

"With firm faith in the clemency of God and with unshaken assurance of final victory, we shall fulfill our sacred duty (Continued on Page Three, Column Six.)"

WILSON CALLS ON SECRETARY LANESING

Visit of President to State Department in Connection with the Dumba Case.

ONE FEATURE LOOKS SERIOUS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—President Wilson went to the State department today and conferred with Secretary Lansing. It was generally understood they discussed the case of Dr. Dumba, the Austrian ambassador.

The president's action was so unusual that White House and State department officials were slow to realize what had happened. So far as officials could recall, the only precedent for a president going to call on a secretary of state was recorded when President McKinley went to call on Secretary Day.

The president's call was not arranged in advance. He left his study and passed out of the executive office through a little used entrance, crossed the avenue which separates the White House grounds from the State, War and Navy buildings and walked up the main stairway unattended, while dozens of surprised tourists and employees stopped to look. The president continued on up the inner stairways and into one of the long corridors leading to Secretary Lansing's private office, where he passed by the messenger on the door and entered unannounced.

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